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Applicants: NIELSEN, et al. Examiner:
Serial No.: 10/791,631 Steven J. Bos
Filed: 03/01/2004 Art Unit: 1754
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Attorney Docket No: 12493-14

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- ☒ Transmittal Letter (in dup); Information Disclosure Statement; PTO Form 1449; one copy of cited reference A35; and
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Respectfully submitted,

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Dear Sir:

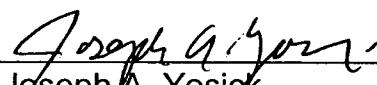
In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, it is respectfully requested that this Information Disclosure Statement be entered and the documents listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 be considered by the Examiner and made of record.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(g),(h), this Information Disclosure Statement is not to be construed as a representation that a search has been made and is not to be construed to be an admission that the information cited is, or is considered to be, material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(b).

This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed prior to the receipt of the first Official Action reflecting an examination on the merits and hence is believed to be timely filed in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b).

Applicants respectfully request that the listed documents be made of record in the present case.

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